Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2019-20

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Question:

For each Government recognised village, please list the numbers of removal orders issued against unauthorised building works by the Buildings Department and cases with orders complied with in the past five years by district, and provide the required manpower and expenditure.

District		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
village						
	No. of removal					
	orders issued					
	No. of removal					
	orders complied					
	with					

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

As regards the enforcement action against unauthorised building works (UBWs) in New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs), the numbers of removal orders issued and complied with in the past five years by districts are tabulated below –

District	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
District	(A)	$(\mathbf{B})^{(1)}$	(A)	(B) ⁽¹⁾	(A)	(B) ⁽¹⁾	(A)	(B) ⁽¹⁾	(A)	$(\mathbf{B})^{(1)}$
Islands	15	6	16	8	28	12	20	10	21	16
Kwai Tsing	4	7	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	1
North	33	33	41	16	51	43	73	47	72	70
Sai Kung	50	67	43	53	76	43	78	34	65	38
Sha Tin	52	30	21	24	26	19	28	25	39	17
Tai Po	79	22	75	43	115	64	191	83	124	112
Tsuen Wan	24	9	25	13	18	16	8	18	17	3
Tuen Mun	70	28	74	34	49	42	46	31	48	16
Yuen Long	127	32	119	43	164	75	127	83	187	48
Total	454	234	415	236	529	315	572	331	573	321

- (A): Number of removal orders issued
- (B): Number of removal orders complied with

Note (1): The figures do not necessarily correspond to the number of removal orders issued in the same year.

Enforcement action against UBWs in NTEHs is carried out by 37 professional and technical staff of the Village Houses Section of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties in implementing the enhanced enforcement strategy against UBWs in NTEHs. BD is unable to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure incurred solely for this task.